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Ruth Davidson has given her backing to Prime Minister Theresa May following Brexit talks in Austria.

The Scottish Conservative leader welcomed the fact she was “unequivocal on the importance of the integrity of the United Kingdom” and that she was committed to negotiating in “good faith”.

She also praised Mrs May for giving assurances to EU citizens living in Britain that their rights will remain intact, even in the event of no deal.

Ruth spoke to the Prime Minister this afternoon, and urged EU countries to “reciprocate” that good faith as the negotiations go on.

## **Scottish Conservative leader Ruth Davidson said:**

“The Prime Minister has been unequivocal on the importance of the integrity of the United Kingdom and stated that no measures should be allowed to effectively divide our country in two. I agree.

“She has reaffirmed her commitment to negotiating in good faith and respecting our friends and allies in Europe.

“As we seek to find a way through the current impasse, I hope such good faith and respect will be reciprocated.

“It is in everyone’s interest for a deal to be agreed between the UK and the EU, to facilitate free trade and mutual co-operation.

“I do not wish for the UK to leave the EU without such a deal.

“However, I am pleased that the Prime Minister has given categorical reassurance to EU citizens living in Britain that, should such a scenario come to pass, their rights remain intact.

“I have spoken to the Prime Minister following this afternoon’s statement, and welcome her commitment to continue working to resolve this impasse ahead of October’s European Council.

“There is still time to agree a deal on the future relationship between the

UK and the EU. My wish is for all sides to return to negotiations in order to deliver one.”